



APPENDIX F: USAR VARSITY TIER REGISTRATION



Varsity High School Rugby Teams

Primer and process for registering with State Rugby Organizations and USA Rugby

USA Rugby has a strong commitment to developing varsity high school rugby teams throughout the United States. To this end, there is a new membership tier for schools that have adopted rugby as a varsity sport. This tier of membership is designed to make it easier and more cost effective for schools to add a rugby team to their school's athletic department. Most importantly, this tier of membership allows varsity high school teams to play against non-varsity teams without conflict of insurance and liabilities.

Quick facts about the Varsity High School Membership Tier:

1. This is a \$250 school membership, not a membership for individual players. Players will not be registered with USA Rugby and would need to join separately if wanting to play for any team outside their HS Varsity team.
2. This membership does not include insurance of any kind. Schools must cover their students, coaches and administration as part of this status. Your state organization will confirm this coverage in discussions with the school administration.
3. This membership is active only for the one designated high school rugby season in your state. It applies to warm up matches to that HS league, league matches, friendly matches during that HS season, playoffs and championship matches of that high school season. Any play outside of that season window does not fall under this membership tier; a team and players must register with USA Rugby as a High School Team (\$150) and players (\$30 per player).

How do we register for Varsity High School Rugby Team membership?

1. Contact your State Rugby Organization (SRO) for a link to their application.
2. Complete the application and alert your SRO upon its completion.
3. Your SRO will confirm the information in the application with your school administration and submit the application to USA Rugby.
4. Your school will be billed and make payment to the SRO for both SRO fees and the USA Rugby fee.

Anything else we need to know?

1. Coaches must register normally through USA Rugby's website, carry a level 200 coach certification and add all pertinent information for background checks and player safety requirements. Your SRO can assist you in this registration.

NOTE: SCYR High School teams that cover their rugby teams with exactly the same insurance as their other sports teams should be eligible. Please email awilliams@socalyouthrugby.org for information.